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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DD/I Historical Board
SUBJECT : Quarterly Progress Report
REFERENCE : Memorandum from Addressee, 15 December 1967

1. A revised report on the status of the OER historical program is attached, as requested.

2. As the report indicates, the pressure of priority research and a shortage of personnel have precluded the making of any progress toward fulfillment of the planned program to date. Although a review of the program is intended after the first of the new year, no immediate solution is seen to the problems which are hindering progress under the present frame of reference for the historical program.

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3. One recent retiree, [REDACTED] is under contract to write a History of OER Support to the US Export Control Program. Work on this project has been disappointing, is behind schedule, and probably will not be completed as scheduled, if at all.

4. Priority research obligations and an overall shortage of personnel have precluded the assignment of historical projects to employees on active duty. Retirees capable of contributing to the program have either become involved in other activities or have not found the terms of contract employment attractive.

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[REDACTED] is under contract to the DD/S&T and has expressed reluctance to undertake a historical research project at this time.

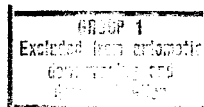
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[REDACTED], who it was hoped might write a history of the development of economic intelligence, will become [REDACTED] effective 1 January 1968.

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5. OER personnel shortages are expected to continue for the foreseeable future. While the number of eligible retirees will increase somewhat, no significant increase is anticipated

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for several years. OER participation in the historical program is therefore expected to be handicapped by serious **constraints** unless other **staffing** arrangements can be made than those permitted by **present** Agency policy.

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<u>History</u>	<u>Writer</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Approximate Deadline</u>
<u>OFFICE OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH</u>	-----	-----	
History of Office of Research and Reports	-----	-----	
Development of Economic Intelligence, 1948-66	-----	-----	
OER Support of the U.S. Export Control Program		Behind schedule	1 January 68
Economic Intelligence Committee	-----	-----	
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*Annuitant under contract.